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**Via Certified U.S. Mail**

February 25, 2011

Group USA  
Attn: Mark Koda  
25 Enterprise Avenue  
Secaucus, NJ 07094

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION to Group USA (JCT #3704)  
*People v. Burlington Coat Factory Warehouse Corp. et al.*  
Alameda County Superior Court Case No. RG 04-162075

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to you about an accessory purchased at Group USA in Milpitas, California that violates the lead standards established in a consent judgment to which your company is a party, and that violates California Health and Safety Code section 25214.2(b)(3). This letter constitutes a Notice of Violation pursuant to Section 4.2 of the consent judgment. A copy of the consent judgment is available on our web site, at <http://ag.ca.gov/prop65/pdfs/-amendedConsent.pdf>.

The violations were observed in the clasp of an orange/brown beaded necklace. The SKU is 400023845761. Our internal reference number is JCT 3704. (Please use the internal reference numbers in correspondence about this notice.)

Samples of this accessory were purchased at Milpitas on January 31, 2011. Test results indicate 59% percent lead in the buckle of the JCT 3704. Photos of the piece, along with the test reports and supporting documentation, are enclosed with this notice.

Lead is a toxic metal that damages the nervous system and other organs. A part of your response to this notice under section 4.2.3 of the consent judgment, we request that you provide data about the amount of the different jewelry items offered for sale, sold, and removed from shelves in your stores in California. We also would like to know what the company will do with

the jewelry that it will not sell in California, and what measures your company will take to prevent other jewelry with lead from being sold in the future.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

cc: Caroline Cox, Center for Environmental Health  
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